

MEN of Distinction

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Profile

When interviewing our group of distinguished men for this special issue, an interesting theme emerged – passion. While all these men can easily be described as intelligent, successful, driven, dedicated, perceptive and strong leaders, none of the men used these words to measure their success. Most attributed their success to job satisfaction. They truly enjoy what they do for a living and derive great satisfaction for their chosen careers.



Pictured at the grand opening of the Oakwood Farms development: (left to right) Vito Liparoto, Joe Liparoto, Huron Twp. Supervisor, John Mitchell and Phil Liparoto.

PHIL LIPAROTO

Title: President

Biz: Liparoto Construction

Family: Wife, Giovanna; children, Stefano, Josephine

JOE LIPAROTO

Title: Co-owner

Biz: Leonardo's Ristorante; J&V Construction

Family: Wife, Karon; children, Jeniece, Jessica, Jolyn, Joseph

VITO LIPAROTO

Title: Co-owner

Biz: Leonardo's Ristorante, J&V Construction

Family: Wife, Tamara; children, Stefano, Danielle, Adam

Phil, Joe, and Vito Liparoto have finally realized a mutual dream all three brothers have shared for many years – to collaborate on a major residential project. Oakwood Farms, a spectacular new community in Huron Township, is their dream project come true. The brothers hope Oakwood Farms fulfills the dreams of future homeowners, too.

Luxury living at affordable prices is what Oakwood Farms offers potential homebuyers. In

fact, the brothers have been adamant about not sacrificing style and quality just to keep prices low. Custom details and quality finishes abound. The state-ly 2,200-plus square foot homes scream curb appeal with their full brick elevations, attractive three-sided wainscoting, interesting rooflines, and standard side-entry garages. Inside, tiered and soaring ceilings, substantial trim molding, arched entries, wooden windows, ceramic tile floors, granite countertops, cantilevered fireplaces and nine-foot tall basements present a rich, custom look.

"We build these homes like we want to live in them," says Joe.

A former horse farm, Oakwood Farms boasts 31 large lots with several bordering Oakwoods Metro Park. Retaining the rural feel was important to the brothers, especially Joe and Vito who reside in Huron Township. With Oakwood Farms, the brothers defied local development trends of building four homes per acre. Lots are a half-acre each and five acres are devoted to open space.

"You don't have to make the lots so small in order to keep the homes affordable," says Vito.

Another feature not usually found in small communities is the dramatic entrance. Grand brick entry walls and illuminating fountains flank each side of the main drive and provide a sophisticated welcome to those who enter.

"The entrance gives a sense of what to expect inside," says Phil, the eldest brother, who's known for his attention to detail.

Phil is president and owner of Liparoto Construction, a Downriver company known for quality construction, fine craftsmanship and outstanding customer service.

"My father taught me that the homes I build will carry our name into the future," says Phil, a third generation builder. "We take pride in every detail of the homes we build."

In business 33 years, Phil's trademark is combining the latest trends with traditional European elegance and old world craftsmanship. His influence is obvious at Oakwood Farms.

Joe and Vito have worked together on several smaller residential projects through their company J&V Construction. They're also the proprietors of Leonardo's Ristorante, a popular Italian grille and pizzeria in Romulus (7575 Merriman Rd.), which they've owned for 21 years. Strong believers in customer service, one of the brother is always present to greet guests and insure that they have a great dining experience.

Oakwood Farms is the culmination of a dream shared by three talented and creative brothers. For a limited time, they're offering these fine homes at the unbelievably low starting price range of \$280,000.

To fully appreciate this great value, the Liparoto's encourage homebuyers to shop at other developments and see what's offered at this price range before visiting Oakwood Farms. The brothers are confident, once homebuyers see what's out there, they'll come home to Oakwood Farms. ■